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The Heart of America Terrier Trial Returns April 4th and 5th in Lawrence, KS

This year's Heart of America Terrier Trial sponsored by the Heartland Working Jack Russell Terrier Club will be our 17th annual spring terrier trial. This year, we are keeping the single trial format held over two days. The trial will once again be held at the Douglas County Fairgrounds in Lawrence, KS. Dick Fenton is once again serving as trial chair and his wife, Nancy, returns as trial secretary. This year represents the second time we'll have an American judge for conformation. This year's judge will be Nancy Breakstone from New York. Nancy has worked and judged Jack Russells for many years. Erin Marshall will be back to judge agility. Bob Van Voorst will judge racing and David Krietemeyer will be back to judge the A-Maze-Ing go-to-ground (formerly known as Super Go-to-Ground). It will be good to see all of our terrier friends back in Lawrence at the fairgrounds for another exciting and enjoyable terrier event. On the Friday evening before the trial, terriers will be able to run a lure course and practice on the agility equipment.

As always, the trial needs volunteers. We need help with everything from help setting up on Friday to helping with the events to taking down on Sunday. There are a lot of jobs at the trial where we could use your help. If you are interested in helping out, please get in touch with our trial chairs, Dick Fenton at (641) 472-4942 or ldfen1@natel.net. More information about this year's trial can be found on page 2 of the newsletter.

Time to Renew Your Membership for 2009



If you have not renewed your Heartland membership for 2009, this is your last chance to renew for 2009. Your renewal must be in by March 15th for you to receive future Heartland Newsletters and event information.

If you have not renewed, your name will appear in red on the address page of this newsletter. If you receive your newsletter by email, the accompanying email message will contain your reminder. Please consider receiving your newsletter by email. It saves the club on printing and postage costs. Plus, the pictures look a lot better in color. You won't want to miss out on this year's terrier fun.

News About the Heart of America Trial
Sanctioned by The Jack Russell Terrier Club of America
April 4 & 5, 2009

This year at the Heart of America Trial, we will be offering a few things to try to make your weekend with us even more fun. Realizing that everyone's traveling costs have gone up, we have restructured some of our entry fees in order to relieve some of that pressure.

1. All Child and Youth Classes are free, no entry fee!
2. With a paid pre-entry prior to the closing date of March 24, 2009, we are giving an entry bonus. For those terriers pre-entering 3 or more classes, the entry fee for the first 2 classes is \$10.00 per class, for each additional class that terrier is pre-entered in; the class entry fee is \$ 5.00. We hope that this will encourage exhibitors to try new things with their terriers.
3. Friday afternoon starting at 5:00pm we will have a "no frills", " cheap thrills " night. Just for fun and practice. We'll have: Lure Coursing and Agility.
4. We're also bringing back some special awards:

Melissa Van Voorst Memorial Sportsmanship Award

This is a traveling trophy. The trophy will be awarded to the adult exhibitor demonstrating the highest degree of sportsmanship, courtesy, and exemplary behavior at the Heart of America Spring Trial. An anonymous panel of observers will determine the winner. The award will be presented at the close of the Trial. Melissa's long time friend, Barrie Wade, provided the trophy. All adult trial participants are automatically entered.

Child / Youth Sportsmanship Award

This is a keeper trophy. The trophy will be awarded to the Child or Youth exhibitor demonstrating the highest degree of sportsmanship, courtesy and exemplary behavior at The Heart of America Spring Trial. An anonymous panel of observers will determine the winner. The award will be presented at the close of the Heartland Trial. All Child and Youth Trial participants are automatically entered.

Edgefield Tristan All Around Performance Award

This is a traveling trophy for the adult terrier excelling at performance events. The award will be given to the terrier with the highest point total from four of the following events. There is no division by height for this award, terriers over or under 12 ½" are equally eligible. Participation is **mandatory** in: Regular Adult Flat and Hurdle Racing and Championship Certificate Go-To-Ground. Participation is **optional** in the following events: Agility I, Barn Hunt, Super Go-To-Ground. Points will only be awarded to terriers placing sixth or higher in the above classes. The winner will be determined by totaling the points awarded in the mandatory events and the highest points awarded to the terrier in any one of the optional events. In case of a tie, the terrier with the fastest Go-To-Ground time will be the winner. Additional tiebreakers are listed in the trial brochure. Points will be awarded based on class placement first through sixth. 1st=6, 2nd=5, 3rd=4, 4th=3, 5th=2, 6th=1. Pre-Entry is required. There is no fee for this award other than the regular class entry fees. There is no limit to the number of optional classes the terrier may enter, but remember, the terrier must compete in all the mandatory classes and at least one of the optional classes. Bob Van Voorst provided this award in memory of Edgefield Tristan, who exemplified the best in performance terriers at Heartland Trials for so many years.

Not new but still important, we are always looking for class sponsors, vendors and advertisers.

Trial information and brochures are available at the club's website: <http://www.hwjrct.com/>

For Trial information please contact:
Dick Fenton at: ldfen1@natel.net

We all certainly hope that you can attend and have a great weekend with us and please let us know your suggestions, so our club can do an even better job next year.

An Open Letter to Our Heartland Members

Dear Heartland members and friends,

The Heartland Club has reached a difficult point in its history. The club is in good shape financially, but is in need of volunteers to help plan and host events. The club is getting ready to hold its annual spring trial in Lawrence on April 4th and 5th. The club's board has also agreed to hold fun days in May and July. Those may be the last events the Heartland Club holds. If no one steps forward to help, the Board can't commit to holding a fall trial in 2009 or a spring trial in 2010. The board is also looking for members to host additional fun days in 2009. While there are a number of members who willingly come out and help on the days of our events, we need more people to get involved in planning and running the events. The Heartland's main group of active members is small and can no longer support all of the club's events. The board members will mentor new event planners and hosts. We're looking for people to apprentice with the experienced members at our 2009 events. We'd hate to see the Heartland Club fade away because there aren't enough people willing to help out at our events. Other clubs, including the Minnesota club, cancelled their 2009 events because they found themselves in a similar situation. We need to hear from you if you're willing to jump in and help out. If you are interested in helping out, please get in touch with one of us.

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Calendar of Events

April 4 & 53

Heart of America Trial

Douglas County Fairgrounds - Lawrence, KS

Dick Fenton - (641) 472-4942

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April 25

Heartland Club Meeting

Old Chicago - Overland Park, KS

Paul Kimmerly - (913) 432-0989

Pjkimmerly@kcnet.com

May 17

Heartland Fun Day

Lone Jack, MO

Mary Stevens - (816) 697-3489

Stevens3@att.net

May 23 & 24

Missouri Earthdogs Terrier Trial

Purina Farm - Gray Summit, MO

Bonita Knickmeyer - (636) 274-3230

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July 11

Heartland Fun Day

Swanson's Streamway Dog Park - Shawnee, KS

Paul Kimmerly - (913) 432-0989

Pjkimmerly@kcnet.com

In case of rain, we'll move the event to July 12th

Notable Quote

"Old dogs, like old shoes, are comfortable. They may be a bit out of shape and a little worn around the edges, but they fit well."

- Bonnie Wilcox

Farewell to a Friend

Lunstarr Bob Cratchet

1994 – 2009



Today I laid my best friend to rest. For the past 15 years Bobby has been my best buddy always by my side ready to take on a new adventure. He has been my do it all dog. He competed in conformation, racing, and go-to-ground, best companion class, and costume classes. And, win or lose we ALWAYS had a great time. When he was 9 months old he did his first photo session for a Science Diet puppy brochure. Later he did two TV commercials – one for Missouri Lottery and another for Mr. Goodcents. He pursued everything with all his heart and energy. We have hunted, and hiked many miles and hours together. We have sat out in the woods under a tree and just meditated. We have treed possums and a few cats! We have hunted everything from skunks to mushrooms. He had his own pillow in my tractor and was always my co-pilot. We have traveled all over the country together for vacations, shows, and trail rides.

Bobby loved everyone – big and small, young and old. He had a wonderful, stable, loving temperament, with all the enthusiasm and hunting drive of a typical Jack Russell, but could be gentle as a lamb. Yet, I could never have another male in our “pack”. Sharing my attention with another male was more than he could tolerate.

He has left me with so many fond memories and funny tales. And, as I laid him to rest, he looked up and weakly gave me one last lick on my nose. Forever loved and missed so sadly – my “Robert” has crossed the Rainbow Bridge.

- Terre Labus

A Few Quick Trial Tips For the Conformation Ring

Editor's note: At least year's fall event, Dick Fenton provided a clinic on showing terriers in conformation. The clinic was a big hit with the participants. Dick kindly volunteered to write up some of his tips and share them in the newsletter just in time for our spring trial. Here they are...

1. **Enjoy yourself** (or at least appear that you are)! Your terrier can and will pick up on your attitude and often will mirror the same emotions as its handler. For the non-technically challenged out there, think of your leash as a data transfer cable, constantly transmitting your thoughts to your partner and visa-versa. You need to pay attention to what he or she is telling you and react to it. "Did someone drop food over there?" "Wow, that dog smells good!" "I'm really bored with going around in circles, can we do something else?" If your dog's attention starts to wander, bring it back so the dog is focused on you.

2. **It's a Terrier Trial, not a "fishing derby"**! All too often, from either inside or outside the ring, judges are presented with a picture of a handler bobbing their terrier around the conformation ring, on what appears to be a steel rod running from the dog's neck to the owners hand. If you consider this from the judge's view, when they see an owner trying so hard to make their terrier look good, the judge will think "there must be something really wrong". The image that you want to project is that you and your terrier are acting in concert as a team, relaxed and natural, not that you are in a competition to see who is stronger willed. You have only got about 35 or 40 seconds one on one with the judge to really show your terrier off, so make the most of it. Just go for a walk from one corner to the next and it will inevitably present a nice picture to the judge and be a lot less stressful for you. When you walk across the ring, keep your eye on the far corner and walk. Don't look down at your dog. That can slow your stride and cause you to make minor corrections that you don't really need to make. If you walk with purpose, your dog will follow.

3. **Pay attention in the ring!** I know that you haven't seen the person next to you all winter and it's absolutely critical to discuss the latest episode of "The Dog Whisperer", but remember where you are and most importantly, what your job is at that moment. Your only concern during that 5 or 10 minutes is to present your terrier in the best light possible to one person, the judge. It really doesn't matter how pretty your dog is to your competitors. Nothing irritates a judge more than having to wait for an entrant who is not ready to present their terrier.

Back to number one: "Enjoy Yourself" I think everyone at a trial should be wearing the same tee shirt, "*if it's not fun, it's not worth doing*". The whole purpose of this exercise is to get together with old friends and hopefully make new ones with similar interests. Whether your competing in the Conformation, Racing, Go-To-Ground, Agility or what have you, let's not make any more of it than that.

See ya in April
Dick

A Working Terrier Standard

Published by The Fell and Moorland Working Terrier Club
in their "Year Book and Club History: 1998-99"
sent in by Cson Johnson

A working terrier should be terrier-like in appearance and should have an acute and powerful motivation to work.

HEAD: should be strong, and encased in the skull should be a brain capable of showing intelligence and a fair amount of obedience and respect with some affection.

NECK: should be strong and muscular, joining the head to the body.

CHEST: should be big enough to hold the heart of a lion, but small enough to enable its owner to follow the quarry into extremely tight corners.

LEGS: should be long, or short, according to the work envisaged by the terrain of the area where he is to be employed. The legs should be powerful enough to carry the owner through a hard day.

FEET: four, one at the end of each leg, with extremely tough pads.

COAT: whether rough or smooth, white or colored, should be dense and tight, to keep its wearer warm and facilitate cleaning without holding too much earth and water.

BACK: strong and supple.

TAIL: for preference, a working terrier should have a tail.

EYES: of great assistance above ground.

EARS: yes, two.

NOSE: should be able to detect and evaluate any slight scent.

TEETH: should be as large and as strong as possible, firmly secured in a muscular jaw, capable of biting powerfully and holding a firm grip.

In temperament, the animal should be fairly docile and tractable, with a tremendous staying power and great love of his task. He should enjoy going to ground and should not appear at 10 minute intervals to see if his owner is still waiting for him. He should disregard wounds and see his job through at all times. He should be of sensible disposition and not easily ruffled or upset.

2009 Membership Form

The Heartland Jack Russell Terrier Club was formed in November 1991 for the purpose of informing Jack Russell Terrier owners across the Heartland region of terrier trials and special events. Our goal is to help members learn more about Jack Russell Terriers, their special needs and unique abilities.

We encourage all members to send in any information that would be of interest to other Jack Russell owners. Please send any articles, stories, classifieds and notices of activities to:

Paul Kimmerly
4921 W. 72nd Street
Prairie Village, KS 66208
Pjkimmerly@kcnet.com

Dues for this club are \$15.00 annually per household. Like the Jack Russell Terrier Club of America, our memberships run from January 1st through December 31st. Current members have until March 15th to renew memberships without loss of privileges. Any memberships received after October 1st will count towards the following year. To join, mail the membership form below with dues payable to the "Heartland Jack Russell Terrier Club." Please return the form and dues to:

Heartland Jack Russell Terrier Club
C/o Paul Kimmerly
4921 W. 72nd Street
Prairie Village, KS 66208

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Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Please mark here if you prefer to received your newsletter by email: _____

How many Jack Russell Terriers do you own? _____

Is this a renewal? Yes No

Signature: _____

Suggestions for articles you'd like to see:

1) _____

2) _____

Heartland Member Survey 2009

To offer the best possible club experience for our members, we'd like your opinion on how the club is doing and what else it could do for its members. Please fill out the following survey and return it by email to pjkimmerly@kcnet.com or by postal mail to Paul Kimmerly, 4921 W. 72nd Street, Prairie Village, KS 66208.

1. Have you renewed your membership for 2009? Do you plan to renew?
2. What types of events would you like to see the Heartland club offer?
3. What kind of benefits would you like to see from your membership?
4. What do you think the Heartland club does well and should continue doing?
5. What could the club do differently that would improve your membership experience?
6. Are you willing to help out at Heartland events? If so, what would you like to help with?
7. Are you interested in seeing the Heartland Working Jack Russell Terrier Club continue to exist and put on terrier events?

Classifieds

Rescue Dog Notice

Cece

2 1/2 year old female
tan and white rough coat
14" tall

She has a sweet temperament and has some obedience training. She needs a fenced yard. She loves to run and would be a good agility or racing prospect.

Asking for an adoption fee to cover spay costs.

Mary Stevens

stevens3@att.net or 816-716-4642

Heartland Classifieds

Send ad with payment to:
Paul Kimmerly, 4921 w. 72nd Street
Prairie Village, KS 66208
or

Pjkimmerly@kcnet.com

\$5.00 for a single issue
\$20.00 for the entire year.

Rescue notices placed free of charge.

Did You Know?

- The longest man-made barrier is not the Great Wall of China. It is the Wild Dog Barrier Fence in Australia. It was built during the 1800's to keep the wild Dingoes from raiding sheep farms. It is over 300 miles long and six feet tall. It's never quite lived up to its purpose and the wild dogs find it less of a barrier than was intended.
- Gum disease can have more serious effects than just the loss of teeth. Infections caused by tooth decay can damage major organs, such as the kidneys, liver and lungs. Regularly check for symptoms of periodontal disease, including tan or brown colored teeth.
- Dog psychics who specialize in "pawistry" believe that a dog's past and future can be read in the pads of the paws. Small lines formed in circles indicate talent. Smooth pads that lack lines show a happy dog. A big gap between the 3rd and 4th pad suggests that the dog needs more space. We'll let you decide if you believe the same.
- If your dog suffers separation anxiety, it's recommended that you make a "goody bag" and put it on the floor as you leave. Include such items as toys, chews and a few small treats.
- If a snake bites your dog in the field, transport your dog rather than allowing it to walk. Exercise spreads the venom faster.
- If your dog pushes its food bowl from one place to another, it's possible he just doesn't like the location, not that he doesn't like the food. Dogs have personal preferences too. Some like to eat alone. Others like the activity of a busy kitchen.

2009 Raffle

The raffle at this year's Heart of America trial will once again benefit Russell rescue and the Heartland Club. The proceeds will be divided between the Russell rescue efforts led by Kerry Dahlheim in Nebraska and the Heartland Club. The raffle gets outside donations, but what makes it special are the items donated by club members and trial attendees. If you plan to donate to the raffle, please remember to bring your items to the trial. If you can't attend the trial and would still like to donate, please send your donation to Jenni Mitchell at 8917 W. 124th Street #276, Overland Park, KS 66213. If you have any questions, please get in touch with Jenni at jmitchell82@kc.rr.com or 913-244-5787.

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If *** appears next to your name and your name appears in red, you have not renewed for 2009.